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## Man Charged Following West Covina Police Pursuit and Crash

A 26-year-old man was charged today in connection with a police pursuit that resulted in a three-car collision injuring eight, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Anthony Lopez (dob 12/7/89) of La Puente has been charged with six counts in case KA113053: three counts of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing serious bodily injury and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense, driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense, and driving when privilege suspended or revoked after a prior offense.

The felony complaint also alleges that the defendant was previously convicted of driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content or more and reckless driving in 2015.

Arraignment for the defendant will be on a future date in Department N at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

Prosecutors said on July 18 officers reportedly observed a man driving an Acura going above the speed limit and failing to break at a stop sign. Police attempted to pull over the driver, later identified as Lopez, however the defendant allegedly did not stop and continued to drive at increased speeds.

Lopez then reportedly collided into another car at the intersection of Francisquito and Walnut avenues, which resulted in the three-car collision that seriously injured eight people, prosecutors said.

Following the crash, officials extracted Lopez from his vehicle, prosecutors said.

The case is being investigated by the West Covina Police Department and California Highway Patrol.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.